Handicapping Analysis
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Emily's Analysis

Del Mar Race 3

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Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#4 REDIAL gets a rebate coming back under similar conditions following a legitimate EX/EXCUSE on 7/17. Their race might have been lost before it started WARM and WASTED energy prerace and if not there was unprepared in the GATE missing the break (VSLOG) as a result and compromised all around. Claimed from that race and positive rider change with T. Pereira back aboard -- the pair with success picking up the maiden win off the layoff in March and recorded a B OptixGRADE (SLOG CLOSE BLANKET) first against winners while under similar conditions to this race back in May at SA.

Del Mar Race 4

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Following the trend from Thursday, #3 UNCLE HAPPY second off and subtle change in class looks to be intent to try and find competitive ways in this spot. While they have been off-the-board since the win last November, they have not run a "bad" race, with a lack of "red" in the OptixNOTES and many races this year with B- OptixGRADE and consistent speed figures. The rider change back to D. Herrera signals further intent, the rider aboard for that win and the October place finish as well. This is not an easy spot, a contentious event while should hold fair odds given those recent finishing positions, their buried form to compete as well as a favorable/ABOVE OptixPLOT position/shape to work a trip.